

Reply to Office Action of 03/24/2006
Amendment Dated: May 11, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were examined in the outstanding office action mailed on 03/27/2006 (hereafter "Outstanding Office Action"). Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-12 were allowed. Claims 24 and 25 are also believed to be allowable as these claims depend from allowed based claim 1. Claims 13-17 and 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by US Patent Number 6,232,888 issued to Davis *et al* (hereafter "Davis"). Claim 26 is sought to be added by virtue of this amendment. The addition is believed not to introduce new subject matter, and its entry is respectfully requested. Claims 1-26 are pending and claims 13-23 and 26 are respectfully presented for reconsideration.

Telephone Interview With Examiner

A telephone interview was conducted on May 9 2006, with only Examiner Goins and the undersigned representative attending. The undersigned representative pointed out the differences of the rejected independent claim 13 from David. Agreement appears to have been reached that original independent claim 13 is allowable over the art of record. The undersigned representative agreed to send a formal response.

The applicant is believed to have met the burden of making of record the Substance of the Interview. The Examiner is also requested to send a duly completed Examiner Interview Summary form PTOL-413 if one has not been sent already. See MPEP 713.04 for further details.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13-17 and 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by US Patent Number 6,232,888 issued to Davis *et al*. Applicants respectfully traverse for reasons noted below.

Claim 13 recites in relevant parts:

A voice point module comprising:

a network interface *having an address such that said voice point module is addressable by said address*;
an audio block receiving a voice data; and

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a control block receiving a control data and causing said voice data to be processed according to said control data.
(Original Claim 13, *Emphasis Added*)

Thus, a voice point module according to claim 13 includes a network interface having an address such that the voice module is addressable by the address.

Davis does not disclose or reasonably suggest at least such a feature. The Examiner appears to have relied upon the teachings associated with "pager address" in Davis in rejecting claim 13. Applicant notes that the teachings do not disclose or reasonably suggest at least the above noted feature of claim 13. In support of the assertion, the relevant portion of Davis is first noted below:

The commuter may specify the preselected routes, which may comprise any route that the commuter may take to any destination, including work, school, or elsewhere, by selecting one or more of the traffic zones. The route entry system 12 *associates each traffic zone with a unique pager address*. A traffic voice page corresponding to real-time information about traffic or weather within a given traffic zone will have a pager address unique to that given traffic zone. *Based upon the desired preselected route a commuter has selected, the commuter uses the route entry system to select the appropriate traffic zones. The route entry system then identifies the pager addresses associated with the selected traffic zones. By audibly playing the voice traffic pages identified through the pager addresses, the traffic voice pager 11 informs the commuter about traffic conditions without distracting the commuter from the road.*
(Col. 3 lines 18-35 of Davis, *Emphasis Added*)

Thus, the pager addresses of Davis appear to be used for identifying (selecting) the voice traffic pages for audibly playing. It is accordingly concluded that the pager addresses of Davis are not used for addressing specific pager systems.

Accordingly it is the Applicants position that original independent claim 13 is allowable over Davis. Dependent claims 14-22 are also allowable at least as depending from an allowable base claim 13.

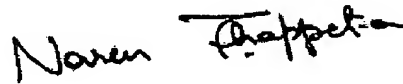
The rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is rendered moot in view of the above. Thus, all the outstanding rejections are believed to be overcome.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172
if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Naren Thappeta". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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